

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY  
VETERANS' RECOGNITION SUBCOMMITTEE**

Pursuant to Section 19.84, Wis. Stats. a regular meeting of the **Brown County Veterans' Recognition Subcommittee** was held on Tuesday, September 14, 2010, at 5:15 p.m., in Room 201 of the Northern Building, 305 E. Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

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<b>PRESENT:</b>	Jack Krueger, Jim Haskins, Duane "Snake" Pierce, John Walschinski, Joe Witkowski.
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Don Bettine, Sherry Steenbock, Kristen Verhaagh.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Troy Ness, John Maino
<b>ALSO PRESENT:</b>	Jerry Polus

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\*\*Running Total of Veterans' Certificates: 1154

**1. Call Meeting to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by J. Polus at 5:15 p.m.

**2. Invocation by Jim Haskins.**

**3. Approve/Modify Agenda:**

Due to a lack of quorum the committee members present had brief discussions regarding the agenda items until Chairman Krueger arrived for them to be able to take any action.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY HASKINS AND SECONDED BY WALSCHINSKI TO APPROVE. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**4. Approve/Modify Minutes of August 10, 2010.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY PIERCE AND SECONDED BY HASKINS TO APPROVE AS MODIFIED. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**5. Discuss Pros and Cons of 2010 Brown County Fair.**

Polus felt that the 2010 Brown County Fair was one of the best fairs the county has had. He thought Krueger as the master of ceremonies, the County Executive and the committee members all did an outstanding job. He felt it flowed smoothly and there was good communication and a pretty good crowd. His only disappointment was not seeing every chair filled. He felt they did a lot of PR and sent out a lot of tickets or had tickets picked up. The only suggestion he heard was that Executive Hinz expressed that they may attract more people to the tent if they had the band moving down the midway before they performed. Witkowski suggested the idea of having the band stand 50 feet or so from the stage to play a few songs beforehand to attract some attention to the upcoming performance.

The committee further discussed their concerns with trying to find out the best way to get information out to veterans about the fair. Polus stated overall it went well and he was unsure what he would change and did not have any recommendations. He felt the only conflict that he was aware of was the Pulaski Celebration. Pierce informed that they

may always tackle conflicts with the fair being held in the summer. Walschinski felt that they needed to look into getting more TV exposure. Krueger suggested sending out letters in advance next year informing people of the fair.

With regards to the band, Polus felt it was a good performance but suggested submitting a request to the Air Force Hot Brass Band to perform for next years fair. He stated there was no cost if they met certain criteria which Polus stated they met.

**6. Discuss Preparations for Veteran's Day.**

Haskins presented the idea of "10 Businesses in 2010". Each member of the committee had a goal to recruit prizes to give away at the VFW in Howard or special deals for veterans on Veterans' Day from 10 local businesses. Last year the committee did "9 Businesses in 2009".

**7. Report from CVSO Jerry Polus (if available).**

Polus noted that he had a PowerPoint presentation that he would like to give but felt it would be best to hold off till next months meeting.

Polus noted that they gave away several t-shirts at the fair and only had seven extra large remaining. They have no medium, large or double extra large left and he felt they needed to make a motion to order several more. He stated they continue to sell t-shirts, stickers and mugs in their office as well.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY HASKINS AND SECONDED BY PIERCE TO ORDER 25 SHIRTS. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Polus informed that on Monday, September 20, 2010 the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs will be at UWGB and on Thursday, September 23, 2010 they will be at NWTC. Hours are 9am-1pm. UW-Green Bay and NWTC will host a campus and community open house on the topic of veterans' benefits. Hours are 9am-1pm. A similar event was held last year and it was highly successful, especially in clarifying eligibility for veterans' dependents that were in many cases not fully aware of the programs available.

**Report from Committee Members Present (Bettine, Haskins, Maino, Ness, Pierce, Verhaagh, Walschinski & Witkowski).**

Pierce stated looking back at last month they had their ride out in Wausau with the Rolling Thunder Chapter. He stated it was very successful. They spent about two hours giving out door prizes, sold raffle tickets and made about \$3,500. After their ride they had a bike show and for the first time ever Pierce's bike came in second. He received a sweatshirt from the bar, \$25 gift card, and 100 wing party. Secondly, they had their booyah sale at the Legion Post last Saturday and it sold out within an hour. They gave away a few prizes as well. Lastly, Friday, September 17, 2010, the Vietnam Vets 224 will be doing a candlelight ceremony at 7p.m. at the POW Flag by the courthouse. Friday is POW Day.

*Chairman Krueger arrived at 5:37 p.m.*

Pierce presented Chair Krueger a Certificate of Appreciation from Rolling Thunder

Chapter 4 Wausau Wisconsin, in recognition for his tireless efforts and service to Vietnam veterans and veterans from all wars. Signed by their president and chairman of their board.

Haskin's presented a tri-fold advertisement in a Nascar magazine honoring troops. Secondly, he stated that Steenbock had sent him an article re: the Waupaca County Fair. They celebrated their own version of Veterans' Day on August 26, 2010. Veterans had a parade of veterans and then moved to the grand stand pavilion for a main program and lunch. Also, Mayor Schmidt proposed a bill for all disabled veterans to be able to ride the busses for free. Veterans have to show a Department of Veterans Affairs identification card with the words "services connected" or initials "SC". Service attendants for disabled veterans can also ride free. It's a small gesture to thank those who served and sacrificed. Haskins noted the display at Stowe's Drugs in De Pere. Lastly, he noted that he had also received a letter from Russ Feingold which he read to the committee.

Witkowski noted that he was the secretary of a 20 year military club in Marinette and he stated that they were doing something special. Mary Staudenmaier, former President of The Stephenson National Bank and Trust, was invited to inform club members of the "Always Lost" meditation on war. The art exhibit will be displayed from September 8, 2010 through October 31, 2010 at the UW-Marinette library. A unique collection of photographs, poems and prose which honor and recognize the ultimate sacrifice of American troops in Iraq and Afghanistan was created by Western Nevada College. The photos are of over 5,000 American service members who have given their lives serving in the Middle East. A public forum will be held on Saturday, September 18, 2010 at 7:00 pm in the Herbert L. Williams Theatre. The exhibit will make a National tour after its visit in Marinette.

8. **Such other Matters as Authorized by Law.** None.

9. **Adjourn.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY HASKINS AND SECONDED BY KRUEGER TO ADJOURN AT 6:00 P.M. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia A. Loehlein  
Recording Secretary